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1. There has been a great deal of friction between the Cultural-Educational officers of the Cultural Organization (Aparat Kulturalny) and the secretaries of the basic Party organizations on board ships (podstawowe Organizacje Partii) ever since the former was created, each set-up seeking to subordinate the other. It has usually been the Party secretary who has come out on top, after referring matters to the Party committee.
2. Cultural-Educational officers are required to reach an agreement concerning all changes in personnel on ships with the PZPR Committee of the Polish Merchant Marine (Komitet Polskiej Zjednoczonej Partii Robotniczej w Polskiej Marynarce Handlowej). This Committee, whose authority is similar to that of a District Committee (Komitet Powiatowy), comes under the Voivodate PZPR Committee in Gdansk, and covers all sea-going personnel (personel pływający) as well as port administration personnel.
3. Jan Berezicki was the Chairman (and First Secretary) of the Committee, whose offices are on ul. Neglowa, Gdansk, until 17 December 1950 when he was promoted to a higher post in the Voivodate PZPR Committee at Gdansk. No one has as yet been appointed to replace him, and his duties as First Secretary are being carried out by Stawaski, the Second Secretary who was recently promoted from heading the Propaganda Section to running the Organization Section. Other personalities in the Committee include Gajewski, Chief of the Committee Office, Grazka, Chief of the Personnel Section, and Winiecki, Chief of the Propaganda Section.

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